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In re the application of:

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or: AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF VINYLIDENE

FLUORIDE POLYMER AND PREPARATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

January 17, 2001

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § if 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language document, a partially English translation has been attached to last page of each listed foreign language documents.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicants indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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